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International News the Cause for Volatility

Volatile trade this week has been fueled by international news. Early in the week it was China releasing soybeans from their government reserves. Later on, it was Japan and Europe reporting weak economic data. Even today, Germany’s Oil World estimated [soybean](#) production in Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay and Bolivia to total 152 MMT in 2013 versus 115 MMT in 2012. This would account for a 32% increase over last year. Today, the grains were lower with soybeans dragging both corn and wheat into negative territory.

Soybeans have been the leader in the Ag sector recently. Technically speaking, the area we have been watching is the support area around \$16.45. This level was finally broken after being tested several times this week. The move lower was on increased volume, which signaled further downside potential. Shortly after the support level was broken, we moved sharply lower eventually ending at \$16.18 1/2. Fundamentally, little has changed in the demand picture as export sales were at the top end of expectations and were reported as 712,200 MT.

For corn, it is apparent that demand rationing has taken place with net export sales being reported as an abysmal 69,900 MT in this week’s USDA report. Weak data out of Japan and Europe certainly will not help the already weak demand scenario for corn. Ethanol production is using some corn up ticking 2.2% from last week, but still lags behind last year by about 4.3%. Ethanol stocks also increased last week as production hit the highest level seen in the last 11 weeks. Corn usage to ethanol is running slightly ahead of the pace projected by the USDA.

Wheat has been a follower of corn and soybeans lately. Russia and the Black Sea region continue to win export sales to the Middle East. The dollar index’s sell off after the announcement of the Federal Reserve’s third round of quantitative easing should make U.S. wheat more competitive in the world market. Winter wheat planting is underway and beneficial rains are forecasted for late this week. After all is said and done, wheat will remain under the influence of the other Ag markets for now.

Items for producers to look for Friday are the Cattle on Feed report, which is released at 2PM central time, and Informa’s production and harvested acreage estimates will also be released tomorrow.

CASH GRAIN PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) DEALERS AVERAGE CASH QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	9/11	9/18	9/11	9/18	9/11	9/18	9/11	9/18
Western, MD	8.04	7.55	16.38	15.63	8.44	8.34	5.00	5.00
Central, MD	7.93	7.40	16.30	15.30	8.40	8.44	----	----
Southern, MD	7.63	----	17.02	----	8.24	----	----	----
Upper E. Shore	7.92	----	17.00	----	8.39	----	----	----
Lower E. Shore	8.08	7.70	17.08	15.70	8.39	----	----	----

FORWARD CONTRACT PRICE – REGIONAL (\$/bu) HARVEST DELIVERY DEALER’S AVG. QUOTES

Grade and Commodity	#2 Y Shelled Corn		#2 Yellow Soybeans		#2 Red Winter Wheat		#3 Barley	
Date	9/11	9/18	9/11	9/18	9/11	9/18	9/11	9/18
Western MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Central MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Southern MD	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Upper E Shore	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Lower E Shore	8.37	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

GRAIN FUTURES - CME Group - Settle - September 20, 2012 Quarter - cents/bushel)

Corn		Soybeans		Wheat		Soybean Meal ^{1/}	
DEC12	746’0	NOV12	1618’6	DEC12	879’4	OCT12	482.3
MAR13	749’4	JAN13	1617’6	MAR13	891’4	DEC12	483.1
MAY13	748’4	MAR13	1575’6	MAY13	892’0	JAN13	480.0
JLY13	742’0	MAY13	1520’0	JLY13	863’2	MAR13	462.3
SEP13	665’0	JLY13	1500’6	SEP13	864’0	MAY13	437.0
DEC13	640’2	AUG13	1473’2	DEC13	870’6	JLY13	429.5
MAR14	647’6	SEP13	1405’6	MAR14	876’2	AUG13	419.5
MAY14	654’2	NOV13	1339’0	MAY14	857’6	SEP13	399.8
JLY14	654’2	JAN14	1343’2	JLY14	805’2	OCT13	380.3
SEP14	607’4	MAR14	1342’4	SEP14	790’6	DEC13	377.6

HAY AND STRAW

New Holland, PA - September 17, 2012 - \$/ton

Alfalfa	Mixed Hay	Timothy	Grass	Straw	
140.00 – 245.00	90.00 – 375.00	125.00 – 340.00	120.00 – 285.00	135.00 – 180.00	

Westminster, MD – September 17, 2012 - \$/bale

Alfalfa	Alfalfa Mix	Timothy	Timothy Mix	Grass Mix	Straw
NA	3.60 – 4.30	2.50 – 5.10	2.00 – 3.75	1.00 – 4.10	2.80 – 3.30

POULTRY ^{2/}							
Negotiated price for truck lot of ready-to-cook, ice-pack, Grade A Fryers (\$/CWT) – Week Ending - September 22, 2012							
		Current Week		Prev. Week		Prev. Month	Prev. Year
N.Y. Weighted Avg.		81.45		81.36		81.90	67.68
12 City Composite		83.24		83.16		83.17	76.00
SHEEP & LAMBS - Westminster, MD – September 18, 2012 – (\$/CWT)				GOATS & KIDS - September 18, 2012			
Sheep	52.50 – 90.00	Lambs Under 50	117.50 – 138.00	Large		164.00 – 210.00	
		50 – 80 lbs	115.00 – 137.50	Medium		115.00 – 158.00	
		90 – 130 lbs	110.50 – 130.00	Kids		27.50 – 32.50	
HOGS & PIGS							
DIRECT MARKET HOGS - September 20, 2012 ^{2/}			MARKET HOGS - Westminster, MD – September 18, 2012				
*Base Price Range	Carcass Basis	Weighted	Butcher Hogs		Sows		
	Base 185 lb Hog	Average	#1 215 – 275 lbs	49.00 – 57.00	Heavyweights	43.00 – 48.00	
Iowa, Minn	57.00 – 74.00	69.93	Heavyweights	48.00 – 53.50	Lightweights	NA	
Eastern Cornbelt	60.00 – 74.00	66.51			Boars		
* Base price is the price from which no discounts are subtracted and no premiums are added					Heavyweights	11.00 –24.00	
					Lightweights	NA	
MARKET HOGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA - (\$/CWT) - September 17, 2012 ^{2/}							
Percent Lean	Weight	Price		45 - 49	220 – 270 lbs	52.00 – 54.00	
49 - 54	220 – 300 lbs	55.00 – 58.00			270 – 300 lbs	51.00 – 52.00	
	300 – 400 lbs	52.00 – 54.00			300 – 400 lbs	49.50 – 51.00	
FEEDER PIGS-Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage, PA-(\$/CWT) (US 1-2)- September 19, 2012 Next Feeder Pig sale –Oct. 3, 2012 ^{2/}							
Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price		Weight	Price	Wt Avg Price	
15 – 25 lbs	30.00 – 40.00	35.00		40 – 50 lbs	40.00 – 80.00	64.38	
25 – 30 lbs	25.00 – 30.00	28.10		60 – 70 lbs	25.00 – 35.00	28.33	
30 – 40 lbs	50.00 – 70.00	57.14					
LIVESTOCK FUTURES - CME Group - Settle (CWT) – September 20, 2012							
LIVE CATTLE – FUTURES				LEAN HOGS – FUTURES			
OCT12	125.75	APR13	135.60	OCT12	74.85	APR13	86.85
DEC12	128.15	JUN13	132.13	DEC12	74.20	MAY13	95.10
FEB13	131.85	AUG13	132.40	FEB13	80.80	JUN13	97.25
STOCKER – FEEDER CATTLE – (\$/CWT)							
Winchester, VA – September 18, 2012 ^{2/}			Westminster, MD – September 18, 2012				
Steers	200 – 300 lbs	171.00 – 180.00	Steers	200 – 300 lbs	107.00 – 162.50		
	300 – 400 lbs	142.00 – 165.00		400 – 500 lbs	85.00 – 105.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	148.00 – 170.00		600 – 700 lbs	93.00 – 105.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	130.00 – 152.00		800 – 1000 lbs	90.00 – 111.00		
	600 – 700 lbs	134.00 – 141.00					
Heifers	200 – 300 lbs	144.00 – 162.00	Heifers	200 – 300 lbs	100.00 – 112.00		
	300 – 400 lbs	128.50 – 131.50		400 – 500 lbs	110.00 – 114.00		
	400 – 500 lbs	127.00 – 130.00		600 – 700 lbs	105.00 – 112.00		
	500 – 600 lbs	117.00 – 133.00		800 – 1000 lbs	105.00 – 106.50		
	600 – 700 lbs	122.00 – 127.50					
SLAUGHTER CATTLE (\$/CWT)							
Westminster, MD – September 18, 2012							
Sltr. Cows			Fed Heifers				
Breakers	65.00 – 69.50		Fat	109.50 – 111.00			
Boners	61.50 – 64.00		Lean	101.50 – 108.50			
Thin/Slow	60.00 & Down						
Fed Steers			Holstein Bull Calves to Feed				
Fat	120.00 – 125.00		#1	90.00 – 112.50			
Lean	111.50 – 118.00		#2	67.50 – 87.50			
Select	109.00 – 110.00		#3	66.00 & Down			
Lancaster, New Holland & Vintage – September 20, 2012 ^{2/}							
Sltr. Steers:			Sltr. Heifers:				
Hi Ch & Pr 3-4	1300 – 1700 lbs	122.50 – 127.00	Hi Ch & Pr 3-4	1275 – 1475 lbs	118.50 – 123.00		
Choice 2-3	1175 – 1550 lbs	117.00 – 122.00	Choice 2-3	1065 – 1430 lbs	114.00 – 117.50		
Select 1-3	1075 – 1470 lbs	112.00 – 116.00	Select 2-3	1095 – 1300 lbs	107.00 – 113.00		
			Sltr. Cows:	Percent Lean	Avg. Dressing		
Sltr. Holsteins:			Premium White	65 – 75	75.50 – 79.50		
Hi Ch & Pr 2-4	1500 – 1650 lbs	108.50 – 109.00	Breakers	75 – 80	74.00 – 79.00		
Choice 2-3	1350 – 1675 lbs	102.50 – 107.00	Boners	80 – 85	75.00 – 78.50		
Select 2-3	1200 – 1550 lbs	95.00 – 101.00	Lean	88 – 90	67.00 – 72.50		

1/ Price Unit: Dollars and cents/ton (100 tons (2,000 lbs/ton))

2/ Source: USDA, AMS

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